[Mr. I. C. Chacko.]

(*d*) Full amounts allotted could not be spent as several works were not taken up due to delay in acquisition of lands and to the short working period available for carrying out irrigation works after going through the formalities required according to the Irrigation Act.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether there is a sum remaining unspent for the year 1117?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I claim notice.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): May I know whether the schemes which the Government had in contemplation for the years 1117 and 1118 have now been completed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: They are in various stages of progress.

Encroachments on Irrigation canals.

47. ✻**MR. K. A. MATHEW**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that encroachments on irrigation canals and reservoirs have seriously handicapped paddy cultivation in Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) whether they will take measures for the immediate restoration of such porambokes in the interests of efficient cultivation of paddy, and sanction additional revenue staff in view of the urgency of the need?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No serious handicap to paddy cultivation due to encroachment has been felt.

(*b*) Steps are being taken for the restoration of porambokes as and when encroachments are detected. The necessity for additional staff for attending to this item of work has not been felt so far.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether any steps have been taken to know the extent or the seriousness of the handicap caused?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): Poramboke cases are being taken against encroachers not merely on irrigation channels but on all kinds of sirkar lands and eviction is being effected as expeditiously as possible, in due course of law.

Tiruvalla Market Canal.

48. ✻**MR. K. A. MATHEW**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the construction of Tiruvalla Market Canal commenced;

(*b*) the amount of money so far expended on it;

(*c*) the extent of work done so far;

(*d*) why the canal has not yet been completed; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that more deepening and widening of the canal are necessary to make it navigable?

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